GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1218
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REPAIR OF NATIONAL HIGHWAY - 44
MONI KUMAR SUBBA

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Highway-44 connecting the North-Eastern region of the country has been in a bad shape;

(b) if so, the portion of the National Highway that required urgent attention and repairs; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to repair the above National Highway urgently?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (MAJOR GENERAL (RETI KHANDURI, AVSM)

(a)&(b) No, Sir. The National Highway No.44 connecting the North-Eastern Region of the country is in traffic worthy condition. However, a small stretch near Sonapur is prone to landslides during monsoons requiring urgent attention and repairs.

(c) Necessary repairs and remedial measures such as, stabilization of slopes, deployment of dedicated plants and adequate manpower resources for clearance of slide, have been taken to keep the road open to traffic. Border Roads Organization is also exploring the possibility of realigning the stretch as a permanent solution to the landslide problem at Sonapur.